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Re: U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/982,846  
Your Ref.: CFL00323US.

Dear Dr. Tanaka:

Thank you for your letter of January 11, 2005 in the subject application. As instructed, we have now proceeded to file the Amendment, together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and attach a copy of the response for your files.

We will keep you closely advised as to the status and further developments of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.76(c) and M.P.E.P. §601.05 which shows the correct Title of the invention. The original Application recites the correct Title on page 1 and the executed Combined Declaration also recites the correct Title.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Saxon", written over a horizontal line.

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